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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1897.**

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**THIRTY DOLLARS  
PER ANNUM.**

**Intimations.**

**BELLS ASBESTOS EASTERN  
AGENCY, LIMITED.**

**SOLE AGENTS FOR:—**

ALUMINIUM & GENERAL FOUNDRY SYN. I.D.	NEW WIRE WOVE ROOFING CO.
SNOWDON, SONS & CO., "SNOWDRIFT."	GEIPEL'S STEAM TRAP.
BERGER & SONS' LTD., PAINTS AND VARNISHES.	TURTON BROS. & MATTHEWS' STEEL

W. WILSON COBBETT (SATURN & SCANDINAVIA BELTING).  
AQUOL, the great fire and damp resisting Paint for inside or outside work.

Asbestos goods of the best quality always on hand.

W. JACKSON,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1897.

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# UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LIMITED.

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SOLE AGENTS IN  
HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,  
FOR THE  
UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON,  
PIONEERS OF THE ASBESTOS TRADE.

Contractors to H.M. Government, and the Principal English, Indian, Colonial and Foreign  
Railways, including the Imperial Railway of China.

**MANUFACTURERS OF**  
**The Best Qualities of ASBESTOS and RUBBER GOODS for the VERY HIGHEST PRESSURES.**  
 Cheaper Qualities for LOW PRESSURES.

The "VICTOR" METALLIC PACKING has been adopted by the Lords of the Admiralty for use throughout Her Majesty's Navy.  
 The "VICTOR" METALLIC JOINTING MATERIALS for Steam and Hydraulic Joints.

— "SALAMANDER" Non-conducting Composition for Boilers, Hot-water Tanks, Pipes, &c.  
IN TWO QUALITIES.  
*SPECIAL QUOTATIONS FOR QUANTITIES.*  
SUPERINTENDENT.....THOS. SKINNER.  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,

General Agents.

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**W. BREWER & CO.**  
JUST LANDED  
A NEW AND LARGE STOCK OF  
BOOTS AND SHOES

**BOOTS AND SHOES,**  
OF THE BEST QUALITY ONLY  
FOR  
**LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN**  
ALSO FOR  
**BOYS AND GIRLS.**

FOR SALE.  
G. H. MUMM & Co's CHAMPAGNE.

In cases of 2 doz. pints ..... \$35 per case.  
do. 1 doz. quarts ..... \$33 do

**SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,**  
Agents.

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**P. D. C.**  
A RARE OLD MELLOW SCOTCH WHISKY.

TRADE MARK. PRICE: \$11 PER DOZEN.  
 Hong Name: "C L U B."  
 YUEN WO. \$11 PER DOZEN.  
 TELEPHONE, No. 135.

SOLE AGENTS:-  
**GANDE PRICE & CO.,**  
 WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,  
 No. 18, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.  
 Hongkong, 10th February, 1897. [16]

**THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY**

THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY.  
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 THIS WELL-KNOWN ESTABLISHMENT  
 RE-OPENED!  
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ON the 15th JANUARY for the transaction of business as heretofore under  
ENTIRELY

ENTIRELY NEW

**MANAGEMENT.**  
In making this announcement the Undersigned respectfully INVITES INSPECTION  
his Premises, and, while expressing gratitude for past favours, respectfully solicits the con-  
tinuance of Patronage.  
**For THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY CO.,**

Hongkong, 15th January, 1897. per C. CAMPBELL. 1216

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**W. POWELL & CO.**

FOR  
RACING COLOURS,  
RACING COLOURS

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Washington, D.C. February, 1897.

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## Intimation.

CHOICE AUSTRALIAN WINES  
FROM THE CELEBRATED  
COOLALTA VINEYARDS,  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE COOLALTA WINES which we are introducing here for the first time give an exceptional opportunity to Wine Connoisseurs to sample really HIGH CLASS AUSTRALIAN WINES of low alcoholic strength.

COOLALTA WINES cannot be surpassed for their absolute Purity, High and Even Quality, Bouquet, and soft delicate flavor; and, being the natural product of the grape, they are specially recommended by the Medical Faculty of New South Wales.

COOLALTA WINES have obtained the HIGHEST AWARDS at all the principal International Exhibitions of the World.

A careful Analysis of these Wines was recently made by the Government of New South Wales. They were found to be PERFECTLY PURE, SOUND and THOROUGHLY FERMENTED WINES.

SAMPLES may be had FREE on application to

W. O. CAMPBELL, Hongkong Hotel.  
Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [245]

## To-day's Advertisements.



Hang out the banners on the outward wall,  
The cry is still they come.

FUNCION DE GALA TO-NIGHT

## WILLISON'S CIRCUS.

EVERY EVENING AT 9 P.M.

Doors Open an hour earlier.

This is truly a Royal Show, having had the Honor of Entertaining the noblest Potentates in the land and unfolding a series of World Wide Wonders Beneath our Snow White Tents.

THIS (SATURDAY) NIGHT FESTIVAL,  
commencing at 9 P.M.  
SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS  
See Handbills for Particulars.

NEXT MONDAY,  
The Great International  
TUG-O-WAR.

\$200 CASH PRIZES \$200  
Nothing like it ever seen before.  
Nothing like it ever seen again.  
BERT WILLISON.  
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [204]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1897.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,  
the 17th, 18th, and 19th February.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND AND ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd. Price 5s for the Meeting.  
TICKETS for the DAY may be Purchased at the Gate; Price 3s each.  
No one admitted without a TICKET, to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [200]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND AND ENCLOSURE during the RACES on the 17th, 18th and 19th inst.

T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [201]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO SERVANTS will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the RACECOURSE during the RACE DAYS without Tickets, which can be had on Application to the Undersigned.

T. F. HOUGH,  
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Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [202]

AUCTION.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION  
ON  
TUESDAY, the 23rd FEBRUARY, 1897,  
AT 3 P.M.  
Opposite the CITY HALL  
One rejected SUBSCRIPTION-GRIFFIN and upwards of FIFTY PONIES,  
Suitable for Racing, Polo, etc. Selections from the Largest Stables.  
Further entries received until NOON on day of Sale.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [203]

## To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending 31st December last at the Rate of ONE POUND AND FIVE SHILLINGS Sterling per Share of \$125 is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY the 15th February current at the OFFICES of the CORPORATION, where SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [205]

BANK HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 11.45 A.M. on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 17th, 18th and 19th instant respectively:—

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,  
T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,  
Chief Manager.

For the MERCHANTS BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED,  
JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,  
G. G. F. AGUSTIN,  
Acting Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED,  
HONGKONG,  
CHANTREY INCHBALD,  
Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED,  
NAO NABEKURA,  
Agent.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1897. [209]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO  
YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI,  
(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

THE Company's Steamship

"HOHENZOLLERN,"  
Captain H. Blecker, will leave for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 14th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
MELCHERS & CO.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [228]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"PRIAM,"  
Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 14th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [218]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship

"THALES,"  
Captain Douglas, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 16th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LARRAK & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [206]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

TRANS-PACIFIC LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, VIA MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU.

(Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the principal Cities in the UNITED STATES, CANADA AND EUROPE, in connection with the Great Northern Railway and Atlantic Steamers.)

THE Company's Steamship

"SAKURA MARU,"  
Captain Brady, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 18th instant, at Noon.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points must be in QUADRUPLET, and one Copy should be mailed to the care of the FREIGHT AGENT, Great Northern Railway, Seattle, Wash., by the same Steamer.

For further Particulars as to Freight or Passage, apply to  
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.  
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [204]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"LIGHTNING,"  
Captain J. G. Spence, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 20th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [207]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON,  
VIA STRAITS AND USUAL PORTS OF CALL.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, CONTINENTAL PORTS, RIVER PLATE, &c.)

THE Company's Steamship

"NINGCHOW,"  
H. Willis Jones, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 5th March.

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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
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## Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,  
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

## WINES AND SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London-House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the DISPENSARY before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Claret, including the lowest Priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure COGNAC, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKEY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1896. [6]

BIRTHS.

At 79, Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai, on the 2nd instant, the wife of GUSTAV MELCHERS, of a daughter.

At 8, Park Lane, Shanghai, on the 3rd instant, the wife of E. MOLLOY, I. M. Customs, of a daughter.

At Nanking, on the 4th instant, the wife of the Rev. W. N. COZINS, American Presbyterian Mission, of a daughter.

At No. 7, Kienkang Road, Shanghai, on the 7th instant, the wife of OTTO MUELLER, of a daughter.

At "Maplehurst," Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai, on the 7th instant, the wife of J. R. TWENTYMAN, of a son.

At 10, Sans Souci Terrace, Shanghai, on the 8th inst. the wife of H. GERSBURGER, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

At St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, on the 3rd instant, by the Ven. Archdeacon PARHAM, ROBERT CUMMING HENDRIX, to ELIZABETH, daughter of the late John Robson.

DEATH.

At Shanghai, on the 5th instant, ERNEST STROMMANN, late 3rd Engineer of steamship Yungwo; aged 24 years.

THE Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1897.

## TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

INDIA'S MISFORTUNES.

LONDON, February 11th.

The plague in Bombay shows a heavy increase, and the famine is the



The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club's race tomorrow will be over a 13-mile course, starting from the Police Pier at Kowloon, round Kowloon Rock and Channel Rocks and dinghy off pier, all to starboard.

News dated Cabel January 20th has reached India. Not the slightest reference is made therein to anything having happened to Sir Salter Pyne. The rumour regarding his death is obviously untrue. — *Times of India*.

The *Japan Mail* says:—The hitch which has occurred in the reduction of telegraph rates to Japan is said to have been caused by the Japanese authorities refusing to sanction the collection of payment by the Great Northern Telegraph Company in effective francs. The Chinese, on the other hand, have agreed to the collection. One of the rules of the Telegraph Convention is that rates for telegrams from either side shall be equal in value, and the difficulty which the Japanese have raised is very unfortunate. Their decision is likely to raise grumbling in China.

### TURF NOTES AND ANTICIPATIONS.

A fair amount of galloping was done this morning. The two contingents were amongst the number extended and one of them, Red Fish, did his 13 miles in capital time, finishing off in 10 minutes. This is a grand little pony and he will probably have the advantage of a slight pilot whenever he starts. I fully expect him to pull off at least three events. Asprant was out in blankets and got over half a mile in 63 seconds. He came back to the stable looking fit to "paw" another mile without distressing himself in the slightest degree and I shall, therefore, not be surprised to see him start in the Derby despite persistent rumours to the contrary. It is true enough that he threw Mr. Burkill, who was to ride him, and that in so doing injured himself slightly, but he seems to have got over the trouble. However, appearances are often deceptive and I have therefore done my best to ascertain whether he will start or not, with the result he seems kindly informed me this morning that he would decide this afternoon about scratching him and added that Arthurville will start for the Derby and possibly Foreman as well. Up to the hour of closing this budget I have been unable to find out what Mr. David's decision is. The *Telegraph's* readers can, however, rely on me to report the decision as soon as I am in possession of it. As there is so much uncertainty about Asprant I have entered him as a probable starter, but in view of the fact that Mr. Burkill had a nasty spill off another pony a few days ago and has been ordered by his medical adviser to return to Shanghai I am unable to say who will ride him if he starts, neither can I say who will mount Arthurville and Foreman. I expect to know more about it on Monday, after the final gallops.

In accordance with "old custom" I now give the probable starters and riders for the first day's racing and will in due course deal with the second and third day's event:—

**WONG-MEE-CHONG STAKES.**  
Pony. Rider.  
Straightforward.....Mr. Boyd  
Congo.....Mr. Boyd  
Black Rock.....Mr. Reynell  
Provost Marshal.....Capt. Hunt  
Cherry Brandy.....Mr. Master  
Silver Bell.....Mr. Noble  
Gladiator.....Dr. Noble

**ASHLEY CUP.**  
Dunblane.....Mr. Boyd  
Comet.....Mr. Reynell  
Shiner William.....Capt. Hunt  
Competition.....Mr. H. Sampson  
Toccin.....Mr. Master  
Rottet.....Mr. Crawford  
Grey Leg.....Dr. Noble  
Beltinger.....Mr. Cox

**MAIDEN STAKES.**  
Rookwood.....Mr. Boyd  
White Violet.....Mr. Reynell  
Foreman.....Mr. H. Sampson  
Red Fish.....Mr. Master  
Glenmore.....Mr. Crawford  
Polo.....Mr. F. H. May  
The Rogue.....Mr. Cox

**VALLEY STAKES.**  
Hopeful.....Mr. Reynell  
Gambler.....Capt. Hunt  
Chin Chin.....Mr. H. Sampson  
Croston.....Mr. Master  
Gambler.....Mr. Crawford  
Hermes.....Dr. Noble  
Landrum.....Mr. Boyd  
Humburg.....Dr. Noble  
Dacapo.....Mr. Cox  
Harkaway.....Capt. Loveband  
Wakeful Joe.....Mr. Boyd  
Little Owl.....Mr. Boyd

**FOOCHOW CUP.**  
Slender.....Mr. M. Jones  
Eccy Awdin.....Mr. Boyd  
Surprise.....Mr. Reynell  
Pineapple.....Mr. Master  
Kilroy.....Mr. Cox

**THE DUBBY.**  
Slender.....Mr. M. Jones  
Rookwood.....Mr. Boyd  
White Rose.....Mr. Reynell  
Black Eagle.....Mr. Boyd  
Asprant.....Mr. H. Sampson  
Arthurville.....Mr. Master  
Foreman.....Mr. Crawford  
Blue-fire.....Mr. M. Jones  
Crabapple.....Mr. Gresson  
Red Fish.....Mr. Master  
Silver Bell.....Mr. Boyd  
Glendub.....Mr. Crawford  
Seaview.....Mr. H. Buck

**LOUTANO CUP.**  
Straightforward.....Mr. Boyd  
Dunblane.....Mr. Boyd  
Comet.....Mr. Reynell  
Shiner William.....Capt. Hunt  
Competition.....Mr. H. Sampson  
Hearthell.....Mr. Master  
Boomerang.....Mr. Gresson  
Slender.....Mr. M. Jones  
Rottet.....Mr. Crawford

**HONGKONG CLUB CUP.**  
Kartash.....Mr. Boyd  
Black Eagle.....Mr. Reynell  
Slender.....Capt. Hunt  
Pineapple.....Mr. Master  
Blue-fire.....Mr. Cox  
Blue-fire.....Mr. M. Jones

If Asprant does not start for the Derby then Crabapple should start favourite, with White Rose and Glendub next in demand. I have purposely placed over Rogue, for I hear he is not in the same class with the "cracks" and so is not likely to start. Slender is likely to be a hot favourite for the Fochow Cup, while Glendub

Hermes and Humburg are likely to be fancied for the Valley.

I still fancy Red Fish for the Maidens and think he and Polo will be seen well to the fore as soon as the field turns into the Straight. Comet is expected to win the Ashley Cup. He is in capital condition and going freely and should, I think, be able to stall off all challenges. Provost Marshal seems to be greatly fancied for the Wongmehchong Stakes, but I think Straightforward will show him his heels if he is piloted by a skilful rider.

I shall be able to give your readers a lot of interesting news in my next budget for tomorrow and on Monday a lot of galloping, with weight up, will be done.

The silver cup presented by the Loutano Club for the forthcoming meeting is now on view at Messrs Falconer & Co's store, Queen's Road. The trophy, which is called the Loutano Cup, is 24 in. in height and is of handsome design with two handles. In front it is richly chased and displays a well-embossed racing scene, besides other ornamentation. At Messrs Gaupp & Co's the German Cup is on exhibition and is a handsome piece of work of old German design. It is in the form of a massive silver gilt tankard and is a good specimen of the work of German silversmiths. Both the above trophies make prizes that any sportsman would be glad to see adorning his sideboard, and it is to be hoped that some first class racing will be seen when they are being competed for at Happy Valley in a few days' time.

I see the *Times* has found out that the number of griffins shipped from Tientsin to Shanghai last year was 539 as against 473 in 1895 and 167 in 1894.

EARLY BIRD.  
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897.

### HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of the shareholders in the above Corporation was held at the City Hall to-day, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Court of Directors, together with a statement of accounts to 31st December, 1896. Mr. A. McCoskie presided and there were also present Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving, Messrs St. C. Michaelson, C. Stearns, M. D. Eckel, R. M. Gray, R. L. Richardson, D. R. Sassoon, N. A. Stebbins (Directors), T. Jackson (Chief Manager), A. Coxon, G. Stewart, V. A. C. Hawkins, Hon. C. P. Chater, C. J. Goncalves, P. A. Burlew, Henderson, C. S. Sharp, E. S. Wheeler, W. H. Ray, G. M. H. Nemes, S. B. Blabhorn, J. A. Chinn, E. Jordan, W. Lyne, Hon. E. R. Bellis, M. H. Jordan, Flint, R. Buck, C. Palmer, J. H. Lewis, W. B. Bamsay, D. D. Girden, H. M. Mehta, W. H. Gaskell, A. Conts, S. Hancock, S. F. Dowell, S. S. Benjamin, G. C. Cox, Capt. Goddard, G. de Champeaux, G. H. Potts, R. C. Wilcox, and others.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the Directors are glad to meet you again with a very favourable report for the last half-year. We propose to pay what has now become the usual dividend of £1. 5/- per share and place five pence of dollars to the Reserve Fund. At the last meeting I advised you that we had sold £185,000 of our holdings of Consols, the profit on which, say £15,000, is included in the accounts now submitted. Our holding of Consols remains at £500,000 standing at £98. Our other investments both in sterling and rupees stand in our books at very favourable rates. I am glad to say that we have a large portion of the profit upon the loans we recently participated in still unappropriated, same will go to enrich future profit and loss accounts, and will help to maintain a steady dividend of £1. 5/- per share. I have said as well as in good ones—that in the past we are aiming at, and we are confident of realising it. (Applause.) Marginal profits of every kind are not what they formerly were in Eastern banking. We cannot see that the future will bring us any relief in this respect. It is therefore sound policy to husband our resources, and in building up our reserve as we are doing we are accomplishing two desirable ends: first, improving (if that be possible) the credit of the Bank, and secondly, rendering it all the easier in future half-years to place before you satisfactory reports. In my speech at the last meeting I alluded to the large amount of sterling that was then deposited in London in current account belonging to the Chinese Government. Our London current accounts then aggregated £6,315,097. A considerable amount of said funds has since been withdrawn, reducing the sterling current accounts to £3,886,564 on the 31st December. A corresponding reduction has taken place in our cash balance, say £45,765,782 on the 31st December, as against £52,499,687 on the 31st June, 1896. Our fixed investments in gold are now at £14,400,000, having reached a total of £17,738,000 on the 31st December, 1896. Bills receivable on the 31st December aggregated £8,017,513, as against £7,727,638 the previous half-year. The decrease of money in Europe during the half-year brought a good deal of business to the Eastern banks, and our funds were fully and profitably employed during most of the time. So much for the past. As for the future, we look forward hopefully, and although there are more banks in the field than there formerly were, there is no doubt that the volume of the Eastern trade is steadily increasing, and the tendency is to go on in the same direction. The deplorable famine in India and outbreak of plague there are interfering very much with business in that great dependency. Yet we hope that the efforts now so freely and so generously being made will be crowned with success, and that the dark clouds will soon pass by. In conclusion, we hope that the year entered upon will be equal to any of its predecessors, and while we are fortunate enough to have our management conducted with the skill and ability which so signally characterise our Chief Manager and his staff, we may look forward with every confidence to the future. (Applause.)

No questions being asked, the Chairman then moved the adoption of the report and statement of accounts.

Mr. E. S. Wheeler, in seconding the motion, said that he had great pleasure in doing so. The Directors had expressed their pleasure in being able to present such a report, but the shareholders had even greater pleasure in learning how they were to be treated and that provision was made for dividends in good and bad years alike, as nothing would so maintain the bank in the present poor position. They could look forward to increased trade even if there was increased competition, and in the future, as in the past, the bank would hold its own, doing the lion's share of trade in the Far East and long continue to be the bank. (Applause.)

The motion was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. Ray, seconded by Mr. J. H. Lewis, the appointments of Messrs C. Bonmann and R. L. Richardson to the Board were confirmed.

Messrs F. Henderson and C. S. Sharp were re-elected auditors on the motion of Mr. P. S. Sachse, seconded by Mr. G. Stewart.

### INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

The Honorary Treasurer of the Indian Famine Relief Fund begs to acknowledge receipt of the undernoted subscriptions:—

Already acknowledged	£28,734
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co.	500
Canton Insurance Office	500
Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. Ltd.	250
R. M. Gray	200
P. & O. Co's Staff	115
J. J. dos Remedios & Co.	100
J. E. S. & Co.	100
H. Wickling	100
J. R. Michael	100
N. D. Olla	100
William's Circus	75
Capt. C. V. Lloyd	50
Dr. J. M. Atkinson	50
V. A. Cairns Hawkins	50
J. Hastings	50
Y. Y. V. V.	50
MacEwen, Frickel & Co.	50
N. J. Saunders	50
Barnie & Goddard	50
I. Thurnham	50
Rev. R. F. Cobbold	50
J. L. Chuttoo	35
Augusta	25
Erich Georg	25
Noronha & Co.	25
Charles Ford	25
Capt. L. A. C. Gordon, R. A.	10
A. Y. V. de Albuquerque	10
Frank S. Shaw	10
L. C. R.	10
F. D. Guedes	10
H. J. M. Carvalho	5
D. A. S.	5
J. A. Carvalho	5
Total to date	£31,534

SUBSCRIPTION LIST.  
Subscription Lists will be found in the various Banks, stores, and Clubs in the Colony.

### THE PLAGUE IN INDIA.

A REVIEW OF THE BOMBAY OUTBREAK.  
On the 26th ultimo the Bombay correspondent of the *Indian Daily News* wrote to Calcutta reporting the gist of a letter in the *Times of India* as follows:—Plague has been present in Bombay since August last, but was not officially recognized until the last week in September, when it was described in the weekly mortality return ending 29th September as "bubonic fever." This name is still adhered to. We have no concern with the vagaries of disease nomenclature, nor do the public care greatly what name plague is called by. Everyone knows that Bombay is stricken with plague, and that we are having a severe visitation of the pestilence. How severe that visitation is, we shall now proceed to show. Our research goes back to the week ending the 29th of September, when, as we have said, the pestilence was first recognized in the weekly mortality statistics published by authority. We have thus to deal with the published returns of the last seventeen weeks. By eliminating from the total number of deaths that have been recorded during these weeks the mortality from all causes except plague, equivalent to that from the same causes during the corresponding weeks in the previous five years, we are able to arrive at the true plague mortality, the total plague deaths being 9,871. Since the beginning of last month the officially assumed epidemic proportions, and for the last six weeks the weekly number of deaths has ranged from 800 to 1,200 and there are no signs of an abatement. Instead of diminishing it has increased to double proportions, inasmuch as the population is reduced by fully fifty per cent. The municipal official returns only recognize a total of 2,996 plague deaths up to date, but these official returns have long since been generally set aside as of no serious value. The returns we now publish may be accepted as very near the truth. As we have not dealt with the mortality statistics of four of the five weeks previous to the recognition of plague by the municipal authorities, and it being certain that many plague deaths occurred in August and the first three weeks of September, the actual plague mortality of Bombay up to date is probably in excess of 10,000, or three times greater than the number recognized by the Health Department. Ten thousand is a convenient number. It is a number which makes us anxious to know when we may expect an abatement of the mortality.

AN ENORMOUS DEATH RATE.  
BOMBAY, January 22nd.  
There were 54 cases and 60 deaths reported from the plague yesterday. Many places such as Mandvi are being cleansed and people are returning to their houses. There is a tendency on the part of the people to be less obstructive to sanitary officials and to render them assistance. The record of mortality for the past week shows an excess of 1,478 deaths from all causes, being a daily mortality of 217 and showing an excess of 1,257 deaths above the mean of the corresponding weeks in the previous five years. The mortality has thus quadrupled, without making any allowance for the absence of one-half of the population. The death-rate, reckoned on the population of the last census, is 100-78.

To-day's plague report shows 65 cases and 66 deaths.

### LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, January 21st.  
A Social Democratic Federation manifesto ascribes the Indian Famine to the official policy of greed and oppression. It describes the Famine Fund as a hypocritical attempt to cover ingenuously by spurious charity.

January 21st.  
A fortnight's quarantine is now imposed at Gibraltar on all arrivals from India.

CALCUTTA, January 22nd.  
Over Rs. 2,60,000 has been subscribed in Calcutta for the famine fund.

January 22nd.  
The Bombay Government is now striving to try and stamp out the plague. Surgeon-Major Skeet has been appointed Sanitary Commissioner with 20 medical men, and 1,000 scavengers will clean the drains and whitewash all infected houses.

Mr. S. E. J. Clarke, Secretary to the Bengal Chamber of Commerce, died to-day. Mr. Clarke was seriously ill for two days and succumbed to syncope of the heart; his loss is a very heavy one to the Chamber.

LONDON, January 24th.  
Mr. Balfour, replying to a question in the House from Mr. Maclean, said that until the losses by famine and the plague were known it would be premature to offer a grant of public money to aid the Indian Exchequer, and that there was no precedent for such a course.

January 24th.  
The British and Netherlands Governments have appointed experts to confer at Brussels on the 25th instant, with Professor Dr. Martens, of St. Petersburg, the Russian authority on international law, with a view to settling the long-standing *Costa Rica* Packet case. Captain Brice, well-known in the Dundee whaling trade, will represent Britain.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Famine Fund it has been decided to telegraph for aid to New York, the Mayor of all principal Australian and New Zealand towns, the Governor-General of Canada, to Hongkong, Singapore, Cape Town, Johannesburg, and Shanghai. The list of subscriptions just published shows Rs. 260,726 have been received by the Honorary Secretary of the Relief Fund, besides Rs. 1,13,000 promised and not paid yet. Sir John Meir, at home, is at present the largest contributor to the Fund with £5,000. The Baroness Hirsch has given the sum of £50,000 with which to found a phylaxis hospital in England for children.

THE PARTITION OF CHINA.  
It may be respectfully suggested to the representatives of German commerce who, according to the Berlin correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle*, are engaged in discussing plans for the partition of China, that they are a little premature. The new Russo-German treaty appears to have caused great excitement in Germany, where the increasing influence of Russia in Northern China is not unnaturally regarded with considerable alarm. It is considered that eventually Russia will dominate the whole of Northern China as far as the Yellow River, and German students of Far Eastern affairs are kind enough to also hold the opinion that England has a sort of prescriptive right to all China south of the Yangtze, which should be the Indo-Chinese possessions of France. German aspirations, however, an modest, for Germany will be satisfied with the cession of the rich belt of country between the Yangtze-kiang and Yellow rivers. What Japan would say, how the United States would appreciate the wholesale division of one of her most important markets, and, finally, what would be the attitude of the Chinese themselves, are points calmly ignored by these airy projectors of new kingdoms. But while such schemes for the partition of China may very properly evoke the indignation of China, they should also evoke Russia in Northern China, which should be closely watched in Europe and America.

British has no desire for territorial aggrandisement in China, and simply wishes that the whole Empire should be thrown open for purposes of trade, and that equal commercial facilities should be enjoyed by all nations. With such a policy Germany and the United States should be in complete accord. Germany is too heavily handicapped by responsibilities in Europe to attempt the gigantic task of holding a portion of China. The United States is precluded from such a course by her cardinal rule of abstention from enterprises of conquest. Both nations are, however, vitally interested in preserving the markets of China from outside interference, and whatever their differences elsewhere, they should have no difficulty in joining with Great Britain in resisting any attempt at territorial extension on the part of the powers now threatening the independence of China on her northern and southern borders. These are the lines upon which, in her own interest, the policy of Germany in the Far East should be based. — *Times of India*.

### THE FUTILITY OF FORECASTS.

It does not at first sight appear unreasonable for anyone at the beginning of a new year to forecast the course of European politics for the coming twelve months. The data are very well known, the personages who influence events are fairly understood, and affairs usually flow on in a certain well-worn groove, which are channelled by the deeper because certain of the importance—like the meeting of Parliament in Great Britain, France and Germany and the new President's first Message in America—occur at anticipated and fixed dates. As a matter of fact, however, nothing can be more futile than such forecasts in regard to the politics of Europe, more especially at the present time. The action of the nations depends upon at least three sets of wholly inaccessible quantities, viz., incidents, the intentions of individuals, and the outbreaks of emotion among the populations. It is simply impossible to predict what may happen in any week in Paris to alter the attitude of the Republic, or what may occur in Constantinople rendering intervention in Turkey unavoidable, or what may break out in the Far East with an immediate reflex action upon the politics of Europe. It is equally conceivable that all may remain as it is, and that a sort of volcano may burst out in Macedonia, that the European balances may remain peacefully distributed as at present, or may suddenly be redistributed by an outbreak of anarchy in Morocco, or a furious breach of front from Washington against Madrid. The force of Great Britain might be paralyzed by military insurrection in India, or all the armies of the Continent be reduced to inaction by an aversion so strikingly available for the destruction of life that all alike must pause until, at vast expense, the Governments have included it in their organization for war. Then, as to the influence of individuals, the world is still governed by persons, and the decisions of persons, played as they are by hopes, fears, intellectual excesses of any kind, are, absolutely, uncalculable. The most experienced diplomatist will not venture to predict what the present Sultan of Turkey will do on any given day. The German Emperor, or the American President, or the nearly unknown Emperor of Japan; and any one of these could, by an act, a speech, or a threat turn the whole current of the world's affairs, introducing not only new tasks, but wholly unexpected combinations among the nations, with individual decisions, unexpected as they may be. He may be baffled by the force of Nature, which act on him entirely beyond his ken. There are at least five individuals in Europe—the three Emperors, the Sultan, and M. Faure—the death of any one of whom would upset all calculations, and give all action pause; and perhaps all other persons, the principal living Lord Salisbury, Mr. Hanotaux, Count Grieg, and Prince Bismarck, whose disappearance would so strongly affect the current of events. Then there are the emotions of the nations now so easily stirred, and so powerful a factor in national action, who would have cleared of all England waking up one morning to find itself confronted with news which made the whole nation, without distinction of parties, feel itself ready for battle, and that with another nation with which we have never crossed sword on dreamed of a serious conflict. It would take a long time to compile the German Emperor, even to say that it is to put the Triple Alliance in a state of motion, making all the tremendous consequences which must follow that explosion. Arrangements of feeling in Paris might in a day undo all that diplomatists have done to preserve, and might a similar surge among the Mussulman multitude of Constantinople, of whose governing thoughts and intentions no diplomatist states.

It is really understood, anything whatever, Eastern Governments, however passive, and as a rule, more orderly, than Western ones; but they are so strongly subject to fits of panic and excitement, verging upon madness, of which their own leaders or rulers never pretend to give an intelligible explanation. — *Edinburgh*.

### THE CHINA ASSOCIATION.

#### ANNUAL MEETING.

The fourth annual meeting of the China Association was held at the Shanghai Club on February 8th, the chair being taken by Mr. R. Campbell, The Chairman in his address referred to the proposed ordinance affecting shipping at Hongkong and said "It was fortunate that the Hongkong Government were able to advise the British Government that it should be withdrawn. While on the subject of Hongkong I may be permitted to mention that it is the intention of the Hongkong Government to continue a tax, which, so far as I know, is a tax levied solely for the purpose of providing a lighthouse or lights for shipping along Hongkong Harbour. After providing that light or having helped to provide it, we were flabbergasted to find the tax was to be continued. I have no hesitation in saying that the tax was entirely improper and unjust, and I hope that when the matter has been more fully considered, the Hongkong Government will see fit not to rob Hongkong of its proud title of a free port by taxing shipping that visits the port for the purpose of retaining a tax for the sole good of the property holders in the colony."

Messrs. E. F. Alford, E. A. Probst, C. Dowdell, E. H. Hewitt, C. J. Dodgson, E. B. Skottnave, A. Wright, J. J. Scott, and J. O. P. Bland were elected a Committee for the ensuing year.

### HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the twenty-eighth ordinary General meeting to be held at the offices of the General Managers on Friday, the 26th instant, at noon:—

The General Managers and Consulting Committee have pleasure in laying before the shareholders the twenty-eighth annual report of the Company.

1896 Account.—This account, which is now finally closed, shows a profit of \$16,879.03, which sum, with the approval of the Consulting Committee, it is proposed to deal with as follows:—

Bonus to contributing shareholders...\$19,191.30  
Addition to Reserve Fund...21,688.00  
Dividend of \$22 per share...176,000.00  
\$216,879.93

1896 Account.—The balance at credit of this account is \$304,817.76.

Surveys.—The General Managers and Consulting Committee are satisfied from the valuations made by the Company's Surveyors in Hongkong and Shanghai, that the properties held by the Company are good for the advances made.

Consulting Committee.—Mr. S. G. Bird having left the colony, Mr. F. Matland was nominated to the vacant seat, and his appointment requires to be confirmed. The present members, Messrs. Chater, Lewis, Ezekiel, Ross and Matland, retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

Dividends.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Fullerton Henderson and A. Coxon, whose re-election is recommended.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers,  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited,  
Hongkong, 11th February, 1897.

### FOOCHOW RACES.

PROGRAMME OF THE SPRING MEETING.  
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,  
17th and 18th March, 1897.

Stewards.—H. Baker, Esq.; H. Edgar, Esq.; Thos. Glittin, Esq.; W. Graham, Esq.; W. Krohn, Esq.; J. C. Oswald, Esq.; and A. W. Walkinshaw, Esq.

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, 17th MARCH, 1897.  
THE FLYWAY STAKES, of \$5 each with \$50 added; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; half a mile.

THE SPRING CUP, value \$100; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. One mile.

THE AMOY CUP, presented, value \$100; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. One mile and three-quarters.

THE YUKEN FOO STAKES, of \$10 each; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting, 7 lbs. extra. Seven furlongs.

THE FAREWELL CUP, presented, value \$100; for all Fochow owned China ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra; previous non-starters 7 lbs. extra. Entrance \$5. One mile.

THE RACING STAKES, of \$5 each, with \$50 added for the first pony and \$25 for second pony; for Fochow and Amoy subscription ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra; previous non-starters 7 lbs. extra. One mile and a half.

THE NANTAI STAKES, of \$10 each, divided 70, 20 and 10 per cent, to the first, second, and third ponies; a forced entry for all ponies entered at this meeting, except those entered only for the Hack; weights as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, 18th MARCH, 1897.  
THE FOUCHOW CUP, value \$100; second pony to receive \$25; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra for each race won; entrance \$5. One mile and a half.

THE MIN STAKES, of \$5 each with \$50 added; for Fochow and Amoy subscription ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra, of two or more races 10 lbs. extra. One mile.

THE LOTTERY CUP, value \$100; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 10 lbs. extra; entrance \$5. One round and a distance.

THE STAMM STAKES, of \$5 each, with \$50 for the first pony and \$25 for the second pony; weights as per scale; winners of one race at this meeting 7 lbs. extra, of two or more races 10 lbs. extra. Three-quarters of a mile.

THE HACK STAKES, of \$5 each with \$5 added for each starter; for all China ponies not otherwise entered; for jockeys who have never had a winning mount in China or Hongkong previous to this meeting; weights 10 lbs. extra; ponies that have never won a race allowed 7 lbs. Once round.

THE COMPENSATION CUP, value \$100; for all *bona fide* beaten ponies that have run at this meeting and not won a race; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. One mile.

THE CHAMPION STAKES, of \$10 each with \$50 added; a forced entry for all winners of the Hack and Consolation Cup; winners of two races \$15 extra; of more than two races \$25 extra; weights as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

THE WINKER PLATE, value \$100; for all China ponies; weights 11st 7lbs non-winners at this meeting allowed 7 lbs; riders who have never won a race allowed 7 lbs; entrance \$5. Three-quarters of a mile.

*N.B.*—Races close on Saturday, the 17th inst, at 4 p.m.

### NOT A N D A .

#### CALENDAR.

FEBRUARY.  
Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1895.  
Barometer.....30.141—  
Thermometer.....57.3  
Humidity.....79  
Rainfall.....1.76 inches.

TO-DAY.  
WEATHER REPORT.  
On 13th Feb. On 14th Feb.  
Barometer.....30.40 30.26  
Thermometer.....53 54  
Humidity.....57 59  
Rainfall.....

Saturday, 13th February, 1897.  
Chinese.—12th of 1st moon of 23rd year of Jewish.—11th Adar, 5657. (Kwong-shi, Mohammedan.—10th Ramadan, 1311.) (Fast month.)

Sun.—Rise.....6.34 a.m.  
Sets.....6.34 a.m.  
High water—Afternoon.....6.34 a.m.  
Low water—Morning.....6.34 a.m.  
No inferior high or low water.

ANNIVERSARIES.  
1692—Massacre of Glencoe.  
1771—Dislocation of the Co-Hook at Canton.  
1841—The iron ship, *Kity*, stranded near Tientsin and was captured by the Chinese.  
1857—Accession of the Miao of Japan.  
1875—Outbreak of coverts in Singapore Jail.  
1895—Census of Portuguese residents of Hongkong taken by the Portuguese Consul.

TO-MORROW,  
Sunday, 14th February, 1897.  
(Septuagesima. St. Valentine's Day.)  
Chinese.—13th of 1st moon of 23rd year of Jewish.—12th Adar, 5657. (Kwong-shi, Mohammedan.—11th Ramadan, 1311.) (Fast month.)

Sun.—Rise.....6.34 a.m.  
Sets.....6.34 a.m.  
High water—Afternoon.....6.34 a.m.  
Low water—Morning.....6.34 a.m.  
No inferior high or low water.

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## Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS IN THE COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 1, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 15th February, at Twelve o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 15th Idem, both days inclusive.

By Order,

GEO. L. TOMLIN,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1897. [183]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1897, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1896, and of approving by resolution of the proposed purchase of Hung-Ham Island Lot Nos. 171 and 172 and of the proposed extension to Kowloon Marine Lot No. 27 and to Hung-Ham Island Lot No. 1 on terms to be stated.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
THOS. I. ROSE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1897. [207]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above COMPANY will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the COMPANY, 38 & 40, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 22nd February, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 21st Idem, both days inclusive.

By Order,

HART BUCK,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1897. [273]

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 2, Praya Central, at 12 o'clock Noon, on TUESDAY, the 23rd February, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 23rd February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,

EDWARD OSBORNE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1897. [266]

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY, Pedder's Street, on FRIDAY, the 26th day of February, 1897, at 12 o'clock in the afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1896, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 26th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers,  
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1897. [216]

THE RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

TENDERS are invited and will be received up to Noon of 31st March next, at the OFFICES of the Company, both in BRISBANE and SINGAPORE, for 15,000 CONTRIBUTING SHARES of £1 each Paid-up to 12s. 6d. each in the RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

Tenders, which should be sealed and superscribed "TENDER FOR UNALLOTTED SHARES," must quote a price in Sterling per Share for the minimum of 200 Shares or for any multiple of 200 Shares up to the maximum of 20,000 Shares not be accompanied by 25s. 6d. deposit per Share, which will be returned in case no allotment is made.

SCRIP will be issued on BRISBANE or SINGAPORE REGISTER to suit Purchasers.

The highest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

By Order of the Directors,

C. P. DERRICK,  
Local Secretary.

Singapore, 1st February, 1897. [262]

THE RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

A DIVIDEND OF ONE SHILLING per Share has been Declared PAYABLE on 15th March, 1897, in BRISBANE in respect of Shares on the Brisbane Register, and in SINGAPORE in respect of Shares on the Singapore Register.

Notice is hereby given that the SINGAPORE BRANCH REGISTER will be CLOSED from 1st to 15th March, 1897, inclusive.

Notice is also given that no Transfer of Shares from the BRISBANE REGISTER to the SINGAPORE REGISTER or vice versa will be given effect to after and February, 1897, until 15th March, 1897.

By Order of the Directors,

C. P. DERRICK,  
Local Secretary.

Singapore, 1st February, 1897. [263]

NOTICE.

A GENTLEMAN OF GOOD POSITION occupying a FINE HOUSE (higher-level) ROOMS and TENNIS GROUND wishes to share the House with One or Two Gentlemen; if agreeable. A Mess could be arranged.

Correspondence invited sub.

W. W.,  
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1897. [189]

## Intimations.

It is **WASTE OF TIME** for us to "puff" our preparations, as every maker's goods are "the best" in his own estimation.

**PEACH-BLOSSOM SOAP**  
AND  
**CHAMPAGNE BITTERS,**  
are number ONE.

Proprietors,

Hongkong, 13th February, 1897.

WATKINS &amp; CO., [13]

**THE CLUB HOTEL**  
5, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

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1, TSURUJI, TOKYO.

FIRST-CLASS HOTELS, centrally situated, well-furnished, the Cuisine under the Supervision of approved French Chef has no equal. ENTIRE FOREIGN MANAGEMENT. Experienced English matron in attendance.

The Hotel steam-launch with European Agent attends arrivals and departures; every assistance given in clearing luggage and affording information. Passengers are met at the Railway Station.

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THE CLUB HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, PROPRIETORS.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager,  
YOKOHAMA.L. DEWETTE, Manager,  
TOKYO. [148]

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THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 2, Floulayson Green, SINGAPORE, on THURSDAY, the Twenty-fifth day of March, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Directors' Annual Report and Accounts to 31st December, 1896.

By Order of the Directors,  
A. S. MURRAY,  
Secretary.

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED. [290]

NOTICE is hereby given that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the above Company will be CLOSED from 12th March to 25th March, 1897, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,  
A. S. MURRAY,  
Secretary.

THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY. [291]

NOTICE is hereby given that the INTEREST OF DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co., LIMITED, in the Business heretofore carried on by them at THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY CEASED and DETERMINED on the 14th instant.

Outstanding Accounts of DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co., LIMITED before the 14th instant will be PAID by the Underigned who will also Collect and Receive all Accounts DUE to the said Firm.

The BUSINESS will be carried on in the future under the Style of "THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY."

For "THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY,"  
J. R. CAPELL,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1897. [219]

INSURANCE HOLIDAYS.

HONGKONG RACES.

THE OFFICES of the UNDERMENTIONED INSURANCE Transaction of Public Business at 11.45 A.M. on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 17th, 18th and 19th Instant, respectively.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.

N. J. EDE,  
Secretary.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LD.

L. KENNARD DAVIS,  
Acting Agent.

NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO., LD.

W. H. RAY,  
Secretary.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LD.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
Agents.

YANKEE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LD.

GEORGE L. TOMLIN,  
Acting Secretary.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.

WM. MACLEAN,  
Manager.

THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LD.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1897. [288]

THE GRILL ROOM,  
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Hongkong, 14th December, 1896. [307]

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Hongkong, 9th February, 1897. [27]

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Hongkong, 15th May, 1896. [13]

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Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1897. [26]

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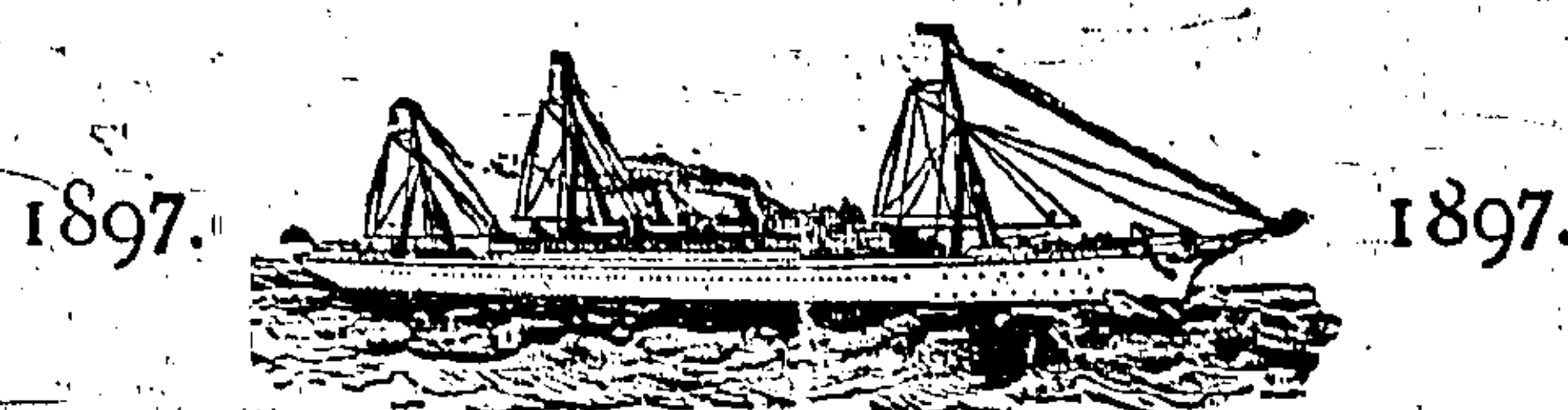
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

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EMPERESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. H. Fybus, R.N.R. ....WEDNESDAY, 17th March.  
EMPERESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R. ....WEDNESDAY, 7th April.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA to VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS OF THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

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For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &amp;c., apply to

Hongkong, 20th January, 1897.

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,  
Pedder's Street. [5]

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ..... Tuesday, 2nd March, at Noon.

City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ..... Tuesday, 23rd March, at Noon.

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ..... Tuesday, 13th April, at Noon.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ..... Wednesday, 24th Feb., at Daylight.

Gauche (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ..... Saturday, 13th March, at Noon.

Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ..... Thursday, 1st April, at Noon.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ..... Thursday, 1st April, at Noon.

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